

Wednesday, January 4, 1995

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

First session of the One Hundred Fourth Congress convened.
House passed congressional accountability measure.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One hundred forty-nine bills and thirty-eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1-149, S.J. Res. 1-12, S. Res. 1-25, and S. Con. Res. 1.

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Reports of a Committee: Pursuant to the order of the Senate of December 1, 1994, the following reports were filed:

Report on the Inquiry into the U.S. Park Police Investigation of the Death of White House Deputy Counsel Vincent W. Foster, Jr. (S. Rept. No. 103-433, Vol. I)

Report on the Communications Between Officials of the White House and the U.S. Department of the Treasury on the Resolution Trust Corporation. (S. Rept. No. 103-433, Vol. II)

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Administration of Oath of Office: The Senators-elect were administered the oath of office by the Vice President.

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Measures Passed:

Notification to the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 1, providing that a committee consisting of two Senators be appointed by the Vice President to join such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives to inform the President of the United States that a quorum of each House is assembled. Subsequently, Senators Dole and Daschle were appointed by the Vice President.

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Notification to the House of Representatives: Senate agreed to S. Res. 2, informing the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is as-

sembled and that the Senate is ready to proceed to business.

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Hour of Daily Meeting: Senate agreed to S. Res. 3, fixing the hour of daily meeting of the Senate at 12 o'clock meridian, unless otherwise provided.

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Electing President pro tempore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 4, electing the Honorable Strom Thurmond, of South Carolina, as President pro tempore of the Senate.

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Notifying President of the Election of President pro tempore: Senate agreed to S. Res. 5, notifying the President of the United States of the election of Senator Thurmond as President pro tempore of the Senate.

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Election of Secretary of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 6, electing Sheila Burke as Secretary of the Senate.

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Election of Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate: Senate agreed to S. Res. 7, electing Howard O. Green, Jr., as the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

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Election of Secretary for the Majority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 8, electing Elizabeth B. Greene as the Secretary for the Majority.

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Notification to the President: Senate agreed to S. Res. 9, notifying the President of the United States of the election of a Secretary of the Senate.

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Election of Secretary for the Minority: Senate agreed to S. Res. 10, electing C. Abbott Saffold as the Secretary for the Minority.

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Notification to the House: Senate agreed to S. Res. 11, notifying the House of Representatives of the election of Senator Thurmond as President pro tempore of the Senate. Page S7

Notification to the House: Senate agreed to S. Res. 12, notifying the House of Representatives of the election of a Secretary of the Senate. Page S7

Amending Senate Rules: Senate agreed to S. Res. 13, amending Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Pages S7–8

Majority Committee Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 15, making majority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 104th Congress. Page S8

Minority Committee Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 16, making minority party appointments to Senate committees under paragraph 2 of Rule XXV for the One Hundred and Fourth Congress. Pages S8, S44

Subsequently, the resolution was modified.

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Amending Senate Rules: Senate agreed to S. Res. 17, to amend paragraph 4 of Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Pages S8–9, S44

Subsequently, the resolution was modified.

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Reappointment of Senate Legal Counsel: Senate agreed to S. Res. 18, relating to the reappointment of Michael Davidson as Senate Legal Counsel. Page S10

Majority Committee Appointments: Senate agreed to S. Res. 20, making majority party appointments to certain Senate committees for the 104th Congress. Page S10

Displaced Staff Member: Senate agreed to S. Res. 25, relating to section 6 of S. Res. 458 of the 98th Congress. Page S44

Amending Senate Rules: Senate began consideration of S. Res. 14, amending paragraph 2 of the Rule XXV of the Standing Rules of the Senate. Pages S30–44

Pending:

Harking Amendment No. 1, amend the Standing Rules of the Senate to permit cloture to be invoked by a decreasing majority vote of Senators down to a majority of all Senators duly chosen and sworn.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the pending amendment on Thursday, January 5, with a vote on a motion to table the amendment to occur thereon.

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Senate will continue consideration of the resolution on Thursday, January 5.

Measure Indefinitely Postponed:

Committee Funding: Senate indefinitely postponed further consideration of S. Res. 19, to express the sense of the Senate that the Committee on Rules and Administration when it reports the committee funding resolution for 1995–96 it should reduce funding for committees by 15% from the level provided for 1993–94. Pages S10, S45

Unanimous-Consent Agreements:

Select Committee on Ethics: Senate agreed that, for the duration of the 104th Congress, the Select Committee on Ethics be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate. Page S9

Time for Rollcall Votes: Senate agreed that, for the duration of the 104th Congress, there be a limitation of 15 minutes each upon any rollcall vote, with the warning signal to be sounded at the midway point, beginning at the last 7½ minutes, and when rollcall votes are of 10 minutes' duration, the warning signal be sounded at the beginning of the last 7½ minutes. Page S9

Authority to Receive Reports: Senate agreed that, during the 104th Congress, it be in order for the Secretary of the Senate to receive reports at the desk when presented by a Senator at any time during the day of the session of the Senate. Page S9

Recognition of Leadership: Senate agreed that the majority and minority leaders may daily have up to 10 minutes on each calendar day following the prayer and disposition of the reading, or the approval of, the Journal. Page S9

House Parliamentary Floor Privileges: Senate agreed that the Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives and his three assistants be given the privilege of the floor during the 104th Congress. Page S9

Printing of Conference Reports: Senate agreed that, notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXVIII, conference reports and statements accompanying them not be printed as Senate reports when such conference reports and statements have been printed as a House report unless specific request is made in the Senate in each instance to have such a report printed. Page S9

Authority for Appropriations Committee: Senate agreed that the Committee on Appropriations be authorized during the 104th Congress to file reports during adjournments or recesses of the Senate on appropriation bills, including joint resolutions, together with any accompanying notices of motions to

suspend Rule XVI, pursuant to Rule V, for the purpose of offering certain amendments to such bills or joint resolutions, which proposed amendment shall be printed.

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Authority for Corrections in Engrossment: Senate agreed that, for the duration of the 104th Congress, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to make technical and clerical corrections in the engrossment of all Senate-passed bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House bills and resolutions, Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate bills and resolutions, and Senate amendments to House amendments to Senate amendments to House bills or resolutions.

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Authority to Receive Messages and Sign Enrolled Measures: Senate agreed that, for the duration of the 104th Congress, when the Senate is in recess or adjournment, the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to receive messages from the President of the United States and—with the exception of House bills, joint resolutions, and concurrent resolutions—messages from the House of Representatives, that they be appropriately referred, and that the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Acting President pro tempore be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills and joint resolutions.

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Privileges of the Floor: Senate agreed that, for the duration of the 104th Congress, Senators be allowed to leave at the desk with the Journal Clerk the names of two staff members who will be granted the privilege of the floor during the consideration of the specific matter noted, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to rotate such staff members as space allows.

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Referral of Treaties and Nominations: Senate agreed that for the duration of the 104th Congress, it be in order to refer treaties and nominations on the day when they are received from the President, even when the Senate has no executive session that day.

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Appointments:

Commission on the Roles and Capabilities of the U.S. Intelligence Community: The Chair announced the following appointment made by the Republican Leader, Senator Dole, During the sine die adjournment: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 103–359, the appointment of Senator Warner and David H. Dewhurst, of Texas, as members of the Commission on the Roles and Capabilities of the United States Intelligence Community.

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National Bankruptcy Review Commission: The Chair announced the following appointment made by the President pro tempore, Senator Byrd, during the sine die adjournment: Pursuant to provisions of

Public Law 103–394, and upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, the appointment of James I. Shepard, of California, as a member of the National Bankruptcy Review Commission.

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Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy: The Chair announced the following appointment made by the Democratic Leader, Senator Mitchell, during the sine die adjournment: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 103–236, the appointment of Senator Moynihan and Samuel P. Huntington, of New York, as members of the Commission on Protecting and Reducing Government Secrecy.

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John C. Stennis Center for Public Training and Development: The Chair announced the following appointment made by the Democratic Leader, Senator Mitchell, during the sine die adjournment: Pursuant to provisions of Public Law 100–458, Sec. 114(b)(1)(2), the reappointment of William Winter to a six-year term on the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Training and Development, effective Oct. 11, 1994.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Robert E. Rubin, of New York, to be Secretary of the Treasury.

Robert E. Rubin, of New York, to be United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the African Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the Asian Development Bank; United States Governor of the African Development Fund; United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Ronna Lee Beck, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Linda Kay Davis, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Eric T. Washington, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

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Messages From the House:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Notices of Hearings:

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Additional Statements:

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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—1)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon, and recessed at 9:10 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday,

January 5, 1995. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's RECORD on page S45.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: Eleven public bills, H.R. 1–11, and twenty resolutions, H.J. Res. 1–5, H. Con. Res. 1, and H. Res. 1–14, were introduced. Pages H121–25

Reports Filed: The following reports were filed subsequent to the sine die adjournment of the One Hundred Third Congress:

Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Education and Labor During the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–872, filed on December 13, 1994);

Report entitled "Summary of Activities of the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct During the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–873, filed on December 13, 1994);

Report entitled "Activities and Summary Report of the Committee on the Budget During the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–874, filed on December 19, 1994);

Report entitled "Legislative Review Activity During the 103d Congress of the Committee on Ways and Means" (H. Rept. 103–875, filed on December 20, 1994);

Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service for the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–876, filed on December 20, 1994);

Report entitled "Summary of Legislative Activities of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, One Hundred Third Congress" (H. Rept. 103–877, filed on December 22, 1994);

Report entitled "Activities Report of the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, House of Representatives, 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–878, filed on December 23, 1994);

Report entitled "Activities of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence During the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–879, filed on December 23, 1994);

Report entitled "Legislative Review Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs During the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–880, filed on December 29, 1994);

Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–881, filed on December 29, 1994);

Report entitled "Activity of the Committee on Energy and Commerce for the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–882, filed on January 2);

Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on the Judiciary During the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–883, filed on January 2);

Report entitled "Activities of the House Committee on Government Operations During the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–884, filed on January 2);

Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Small Business During the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–885, filed on January 2);

Report entitled "Activities of the Committee on Agriculture During the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–886, filed on January 2);

Report entitled "Final Report on the Activities of the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–887, filed on January 2);

Report entitled "Summary of Activities of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–888, filed on January 2); and

Report entitled "Report on the Activities of the Committee on Appropriations During the 103d Congress" (H. Rept. 103–889, filed on January 2).

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Election of Speaker: By a yea-and-nay vote of 228 yeas to 202 nays, with 4 voting "present", Roll No. 2, Newt Gingrich of the State of Georgia was elected Speaker of the House of Representatives over Richard A. Gephardt of the State of Missouri. Representatives Thomas of California, Fazio, Roukema, and Schroeder acted as tellers. The Speaker was escorted to the Chair by Representatives Gephardt, Arney, DeLay, Bonior, Boehner, Fazio, Collins of Georgia, Lewis of Georgia, Bishop, Deal, Kingston, Linder, McKinney, Barr, Chambliss, and Norwood.

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